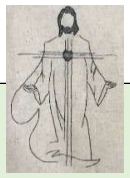
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Autumn 1 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new academic year. Please find below information about the topics children will be learning in their Religious Education this half term. As you are aware, EYFS – Year 4 will use the new Religious Education directory ***'To Know You More Clearly'*** and Year 5 and 6 will use **'The Way, The Truth and The Life'.**



BRANCH 1 – **Creation and Covenant**
3rd September – 18th October



EYFS Creation and Covenant

In Reception, children will celebrate God's beautiful world by recognising that every part of creation reflects His love and goodness. They will learn the importance of the Sign of the Cross, a simple act that connects them to God and His family, the Church, especially through the sacrament of Baptism, signifying their entry into this loving community. The children will hear that God created every aspect of our world, declaring it "very good" (Genesis 1:31), teaching them to appreciate the unique beauty of all living things. They will believe that each individual is created with love and purpose, reminding them that they are special just as they are. Finally, they will practice living out their beliefs by caring for themselves, their families, and the wider world, understanding that their actions must reflect the love of God that binds us all together.





Year 1 Creation and Covenant

Year 1 children will explore the Creation story from Genesis. They will recognise this ancient text as a poetic reflection on God's world and retell it through various forms, such as art or storytelling. They will learn that all things come from God, our Father, who made heaven and earth. Through the beauty and order of Creation, they will sense God's presence in awe and wonder.

Additionally, Year 1 will discover that the Church teaches us to care for the world and each other, showing love for God. They will learn about Pope Francis's letter, Laudato Si', which emphasises that Creation is a precious gift and everyone's home. Lastly, through prayer, the children will understand how to draw closer to God, enriching their spiritual journey.





Year 2 Creation and Covenant

In Year 2, the children will explore the story of Noah from Genesis 6:9-9:17, focusing on God's vital promise to Noah and all living creatures. This story introduces the concept of stewardship, emphasising the importance of caring for God's creation and the environment.

Additionally, the children will engage with psalms, recognising them as meaningful prayers and songs of praise to God, while also learning about their unique literary form. The curriculum will also cover the sacrament of Baptism, highlighting its significance as a sign of Jesus' love and welcome into the Christian family. Finally, the children will understand that the Christian Bible consists of two main parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament, gaining insight into its structure and importance.

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Year 3 Creation and Covenant



In Year 3, the children will revisit the Creation story from Genesis, where the author uses poetic language to describe how the world was formed. The children will explore the belief that humans are made 'in the image of God' (Gen 1:27) and discuss its significance for understanding equality. By connecting the Creation story to Catholic Social Teaching, the children will learn about the principle of human dignity, recognising that everyone deserves respect. They will also describe stewardship by linking Genesis 1:26-31 to actions we can take today. Furthermore, they will use religious vocabulary to explain how a psalm or prayer praises Creation. Lastly, the children will understand Pope Francis' teaching in Laudato Si', which encourages us to cultivate loving relationships with God, each other, and the world.

Year 4 Creation and Covenant



In Year 4, the children will explore the significant biblical figures of Abraham and Joseph, learning about their historical and cultural backgrounds. For instance, they will retell the story of Abraham, focusing on the covenant God made with him, which outlines the special relationship between God and His chosen people. A key narrative will be the story of Abraham and Isaac (Genesis 22:1-18), which encourages students to understand its meaning both in its time and relevance today. As they delve deeper, students will recognise how God's covenant with Abraham serves as a foundation for the faith of both Judaism and Christianity. Moreover, discussions will highlight how Abraham's decisions were guided by his faith, hope, and love for God. Finally, students will make connections between prayers reflecting trust in God and the virtues of faith, hope, and love that inspire such devotion.

Year 5 Creation



The children will learn the story of Creation and the Fall in the Book of Genesis. They will learn that we are all created in the image and likeness of God and know that God calls us to care for others and all creation with love and respect. They will learn that there are times when we fail to be good stewards of creation. They will also learn that there are people who show great respect for creation and for the weakest members of society.

The children will have the chance to:

- appreciate how we can show respect for ourselves, for others and for God.
- reflect on times we have failed to show respect and reflect on the gifts and talents God has given each of us.
- reflect on the use and misuse we can make of these gifts.

Year 6 Kingdom of God



The children will be introduced to Jesus' teaching about the Kingdom of God; a teaching central to his life and mission. They will be taught the concept of the Kingdom of God through some of the parables and miracles of Jesus and will explore the ways in which people respond to Jesus' invitation to belong to his Kingdom.

The children will have the chance to:

- reflect on what the Kingdom of God is like and is not like
- understand some of the parables of the Kingdom
- reflect on the importance of responding to the invitation to the Kingdom
- reflect on the words and deeds necessary to show commitment to the Kingdom
- know there are three kinds of miracle
- know that Jesus' miracles reflected the beginning of the Kingdom and show us what God is like

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Purposeful End Point

As you already know, in each area of our curriculum, we end a topic with a 'Purposeful End Point' giving our children extra meaning to their learning, this is exceptionally important in RE, in order for our children to **live out** our mission statement and encouraging them to flourish not only in school, but also within the wider-community.

We are holding a non-uniform day on **Thursday 17th October** in support of the CAFOD climate crisis appeal. During our study of creation and covenant, we have explored what it means to be stewards of creation; this initiative aligns perfectly with our learning.

On the day, we are inviting each pupil to dress in either blue or green and are requesting each student contribute 50p to be donated directly to CAFOD. They are committed to combating climate change and supporting vulnerable communities worldwide.

By participating in this event, we work to protect our common environment, we begin to develop being guardians of our community and gain a deeper understanding of climate issues.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS HALF TERM:

3rd September	**St Gregory the Great**
1st October	St Therese of Lisieux
2nd October	Guardian Angels
4th October	St Francis of Assisi

Thank you for taking the time to read our RE newsletter; we hope you have enjoyed reading about all things RE. Don't forget to check out your class's knowledge organiser to find out ways that you can help at home. All things 'RE' are uploaded to the RE section of the school website found under: 'key information' and 'curriculum'. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any queries or questions.

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